

## **Bitterroot Job Service Employers' Committee Meeting –Oct. 15, 2013**

Patti Furniss, Job Service  
Vickie Steele, Job Service  
Patty West, OPA  
Becky Brough, Lube Quick/HHS  
Pat Easley, Chamber of Commerce  
Vikki Bell, Ravalli County Bank

Joan Prather, Stevi Main St Assoc.  
Carol Saylor, A to Z  
Deb Morris, MDMH  
Linda Valentine, HRDC/WIA Youth

***Special Guest: Cindy Beck***

***Call to Order:*** Patty West called the meeting to order.

***Minutes:*** Read and approved September minutes.

***Treasurers Report:*** Current checking account balance is: \$1332.15 with expenditures of \$53.49 to Vickie Steele for reimbursement on Cindy Beck gift certificate and card and approximately \$15 deposit from last month's lunch donation checks.

***Red Items:*** Went over red items from September meeting. 1) With regards to the \$200 scholarship donation that was approved at September's meeting: Patti gave details on the type of feedback information that will be gathered from the Bitterroot College. **Patti will give the check to Victoria Clark at the Bitterroot College.** 2) Confirmation of John Schneeberger as Treasurer: Patti said she had spoken with Julie Foster and that it looked like it was a "go", but that Vikki would remain in place as current treasurer for a couple more months. Vikki agreed.

***Special guest and honoree: Cindy Beck*** – Cindy was recognized for her nearly 16 years of service, not only with the JSEC chapter but for her efforts and endless energy in participation on many community projects and events. She was presented with a card and give certificate as a small token of the committee's appreciation. Cindy shared her first month's experiences in the retirement world. She has been doing a lot of traveling and said she is looking forward to having a week to just be at home. Everyone wished her much happiness in her retirement. She will be sorely missed!

***Seminar update: Patti Furniss*** -- Patti said that she had visited with John and Julie at RCEDA and things are not solidified at this point with regards to a healthcare forum for the fall. Joan Prather said she had tried several times to reach Crista with Payne West Insurance and still has not heard back from her. Patti said at our last meeting that she would contact Adam Sangster about his knowledge of Employer Tax Credits; however she did not because Julie Foster had spoken to Lisa Glen, Accountant, about presenting on this topic. Further discussion followed with other seminar options/ideas and the final consensus was to keep ACA forum for business as a priority seminar and maybe look ahead to February or March for one of the other seminar options. On the radar for early spring will be: Karen McNenny or one of several ideas Patti presented from the Professional Development Center – "Approaching Supervision", "Exploring Emotional Intelligence", "The Carrot & the Stick", "Effective Collaboration". Patti circulated handouts on those options with more details. The PDC charges a flat fixed fee of \$830 per day. She also talked about ideas for upcoming JSEC meeting presentations: Economist Barb Wagner from Research & Analysis and Ron Ehli for a legislative presentation. **Patti will contact Barb Wagner for either the November or December meeting.** Deb Morris reported that Mr. Bartos had attended a recent seminar held in Missoula with regards to the ACA/Healthcare and

included all the Montana providers. Mr. Bartos is trying to organize an event at the Bitterroot River Inn for our area. She said it would be geared more towards community members, rather than employers. JSEC members were very interested in receiving the date for that meeting as soon as Deb has more information. Thanks, Deb!

***Job Service update:*** Patti brought three separate informational flyers for distribution on the Healthcare website and made them available to all members. She emphasized that she has an ample supply of each! She also expressed the Job Service's need for flash drives. They have been giving them out during workshops and were now out of their 'free' supply. There were several ideas presented on how to acquire these flash drives. Discussion followed and Carol Saylor suggested that they be used as a marketing tool and recommended contacting community partners or businesses that might be interested in providing these flash drives as a way to advertise their business to our customers. Final consensus was to do further research and send out an email with possible solutions. **Vickie will contact Mary Lyn/Adventures in Advertising, Patti will contact Allegra, and we'll use Chelle's research and email around to members.** Cindy suggested that we could purchase 50 to start with.

***Request for reimbursement:*** Vickie said it was time to purchase paper goods again for lunch supplies from Costco. Moved, seconded and passed for Vickie to purchase up to \$100 in supplies for the coming year (s). Also moved, seconded and passed for Vikki Bell to reimburse Vickie for lunch expenses for today's luncheon in the amount of \$23.77 from receipts provided to Vikki.

***Next meeting date: Third Tuesday in November – 11/19/2013 in the Conference Room at 274 Old Corvallis Rd at Noon.***